

**FULL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016**

**Written question from Diana Conyers of Ryde to Councillor Jonathan Bacon,  
Leader and Executive Member for Resources, Organisational Change and  
Children’s Services**

I appreciate the comprehensive information on the current status of the Devolution negotiations provided in Paper C. However, I would like more information on the financial implications of a Deal for the Solent region only. In particular, I would like to know whether there is a surplus of business rates over government grants in the Solent region and, if so, how this compares with the surplus in the HIOW region as a whole?

## ***Response***

*“The details of the figures, in respect of business rate retention for the Solent scheme have not been calculated in detail as the constituent local authorities in the deal are yet to be confirmed. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight scheme was proposed as a bespoke scheme but since the proposal was made the government has indicated it will introduce its own scheme with effect from 2019/20. The Solent devolution scheme if it proceeds would be a pilot for the government scheme”*